

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

MEDICAID RATE INCREASE FOR NURSING HOME MECHANIZED VENTILATOR CARE

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing a three percent rate increase for specialized nursing home ventilator care. The rate increase is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016.

This change is estimated to increase Medicaid nursing expenditures for SFY 2017 as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>
Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid	\$295,250	\$200,209	\$95,041

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **April 19, 2016** at 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **April 26, 2016**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **May 12, 2016**, Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2016

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